Month	$/bbl
June' 08	129.72
July' 08	132.47
August' 08	113.05
September' 08	96.81

(b) In spite of the recent fall in the international oil prices, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) continue to suffer substantial under-recoveries. The under-recoveries of OMCs on the marketing of diesel and petrol, based on refinery gate prices applicable as on 16.10.2008, are Rs. 6.45 per litre and Rs. 2.37 per litre respectively.

(c) The details of weekly crude oil prices of Indian Basket* during the last three months are as under:

($/Barrel)

Month	Week1	Week2	Week3	Week4	Week5
July'08	140.16	137.26	132.66	125.54	122.9
August'08	118.47	110.95	110.54	112.44	111.77
September'08	104.53	97.9	89.02	97.62	92.27

*Indian Basket Crude prices comprise of average of Oman and Dubai Crude and Brent Crude in the proportion of 62.3:37.7

Decline in production from Mumbai high

412. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that crude oil production from Mumbai High oilfield would go down to around 10 million tons in 2011-12 from the present production of nearly 12 million tons;

(b) if so, whether other offshore oil fields would be facing shortage in crude oil output during the next five years; and

(c) whether latest state-of-the-art updated technology is being used to produce oil from offshore fields, or we still continue to adopt old oil technology as Planning Commission had pointed out last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The planned crude oil production during the year 2011-12 is 10.362 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) which is marginally less from the present level of production of 12 MMT as envisaged during preparation of XI Plan. However with the implementation of Mumbai High Redevelopment scheme Phase-II, additional crude oil production during the year 2011-12 is expected to be around 1 MMT.

(b) Other offshore oil fields namely Neelam-Heera, Vasai East, Vasai West and DI of ONGC are expected to produce as per projections of Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. is continuously inducting proven, new and state-of-art technologies for production enhancement wherever deemed necessary. Some of the new technologies being adopted in Western Offshore include Advanced Drilling Operations, Well Completion, Stimulation, Work Over Operations, Artificial Lift, Water Injection, Remote Monitoring and Control of Operations and Production Optimization, etc. as well as engagement of world renowned domain experts, collaborative projects with foreign institutes and technology Joint Ventures.

New gas pipe line projects by GAIL

413. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sanctioned five new projects of gas pipeline to Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) to be laid in next three years;

(b) if so, the details of these projects alongwith the amount involved and their time of completion;

(c) whether it has been assured that sufficient amount of gas is available to GAIL for these projects; and

(d) if so, the details of the efforts made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Government has authorized GAIL to lay five new gas pipelines, namely, Dadri-Bawana-Nangal pipeline, Chainsa-Jhajjar-Hissar pipeline, Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline, Dabhol-Bangalore pipeline and Kochi-Kanjirkkod-Bangalore-Mangalore pipeline. In accordance with the condition of the authorization, each project has to be completed within 36 months of publication of the respective first notification under Section 3(1) of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 in the official gazette.

(b) The approximate cost of Dadri-Bawana-Nangal pipeline and Chainsa-Jhajjar-Hissar pipeline projects is Rs.2500 crore and Rs.1000 crore respectively. The completion schedule for both these pipelines is 2009-10 (first phase) and 2010-11 (second phase).

As regards the other pipelines, their completion will be synchronized with availability of gas source and customer demands. Specifically, the completion of Kochi Kanjirkkod-Bangalore-Mangalore pipeline will be synchronized with Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL)'s RLNG terminal at Kochi, which is likely to be completed by 2011-12.

(c) and (d) GAIL has considered the availability of indigenous gas from KG basin fields of RIL, ONGC and GSPC, as also ONGC's Mahanadi fields. GAIL has also signed agreement with RIL for transportation of gas from RIL's KG D 6 field. Further, RLNG from Petronet LNG Limited